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BAHAI REVELATION

In Relation to Christianity and
Other Religion

SCOPE, HISTORY AND PRECEPTS

By Louis G. Gregory.

About two years ago the writer was asked by The Bee for an article on the Bahai Revelation, the so-called New Religion. We shrank from the task, for the reason that no newspaper articles can do more than call attention to so vast a subject. But now we find, in view of the recent visit of Abdul Baha to England, that the British press is teeming with the subject, and that many of the articles written have found an echo in America. So the time seems ripe to use every agency to acquaint, as far as possible, the people of the world with the movement, and this we hope to do in part through The Bee and its exchanges. May the Divine Light inspire hope and cause inquiry.

The Bahai movement aims at nothing less than universal peace and the solidarity of the human family through the unification of all nations, races, and religions. That there is one God; that the Infinite Essence of God is forever veiled from His creatures; that the name of God should be one among all men; that in reality and essence all men are brothers; that the solution of all human problems is to be found in the spiritualization of the world; and that "the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the deep." This partly expresses the spirit of the teachings. Hence it can be seen at once that the Revelation of Baha o'llah is not a new Religion. It is rather a renewal of the Spirit of Religion. It comes to antagonize no existing church, sect, or religion, but rather to unite all by harmonizing

manity it would not be what its followers claim for it, a universal religion.

Historically the movement centers about a trinity of revelators who have appeared in modern times. The First Point, the Bab, Elijah of the day appeared in Persia in 1844 and conducted a great religious and moral revolution. He attracted many followers, about twenty thousand of whom were put to death. After but six years of teaching the Bab (the Door or Gate) was himself put to death. But before His passing He warned His followers to prepare their hearts for the coming of the greatest manifestation of God. The Father, Baha o'llah, (the splendor of God) arose soon after the passing of the Bab. He was a prisoner of the Persian and Turkish Governments forty years, spending most of this time at Akka, the penal colony, near Mt. Carmel, in the Holy Land. "Out of prison He cometh to reign" and "Carmel shall see the glory of God." He revealed a vast system of laws for the government of the human race and the instrumentalities of universal unity. Among these are a universal calendar, a universal tongue, universal peace, and a cosmic race. Before his passing in 1892, he directed his followers, who now numbered about a hundred thousand, to turn their faces toward his son, Abbas Effendi, the greatest branch. This son, under the title of Abdul Baha (the servant of God) at the age of 67, is now the leader of the movement. The writer has seen him. There are many others who testify to his simplicity, meekness, majesty, knowledge and love.

Bahais have been the victims of much persecution. But the cause shines best under adverse conditions. With the usual faith and courage shown in various parts of the world, the movement has grappled with the race problem in America. A few of its precepts are: "Close your eyes to racial differences and welcome all with the light of oneness."

"The principles of religion is to lessen words and increase deeds."

"The first counsel is, possess a good, a pure, an enlightened heart."

"If you have a word or a fragrance which a brother has not, offer it with the tongue of love and kindness. If it is accepted, the end is attained. If not, with regard to him deal not harshly, but pray."

THE SHEPARD IDEA

Spreading Among the Whites.

(From an Exchange.)

It was many years ago that a wave of sentiment in favor of higher education swept over the race. A few number of years ago industrial training was brought forcefully to our attentions. If we read correctly the signs of the times not many years hence the religious training in schools established for this especial purpose, will be acclaimed everywhere a new panacea for our racial troubles. In founding his religious training school at Durham, N. C., Dr. James E. Shepard seems to have originated a line of educational work that will take strong hold not alone on the Negro people of America, but on the whites as well. It is a peculiar fact that Negro leader has thought out and popularized each new possible solution of the race problem, and each of these movements has been along educational lines. Dr. J. C. Price stirred the country on the idea of higher education; Dr. B. T. Washington so impressed his industrialism that the whites appropriated the idea for their own improvement; Dr. Shepard's idea is now being taken up by the whites and they are beginning to use it on a large scale for their own betterment, not leaving the Negro altogether out of the movement, however. It is, then, a noteworthy fact that Negroes have worked out almost independently the ideas for the development of their people, while the whites have furnished most of the "where-with-all" to put these plans into operation, themselves being influenced by the transaction.

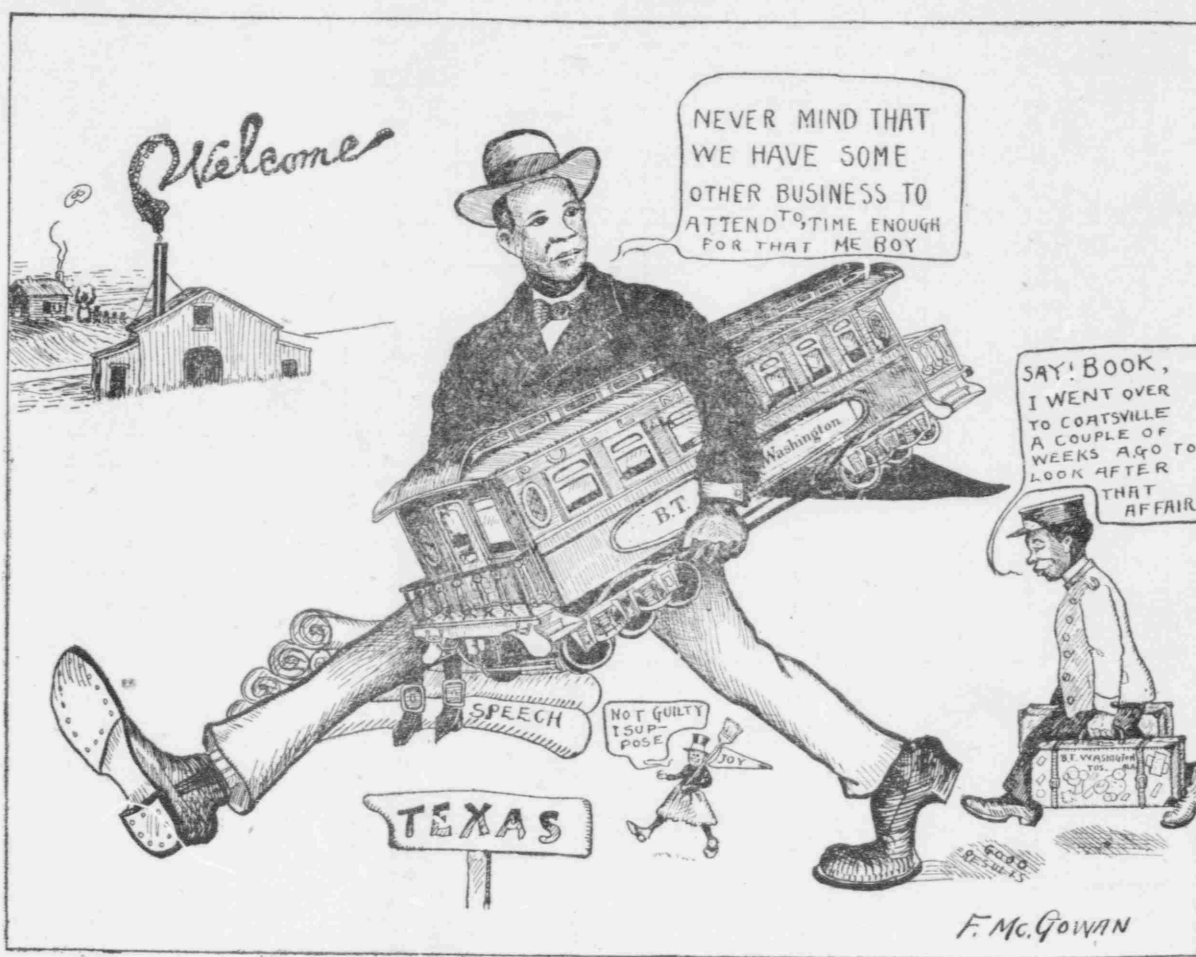
Much attention is being attracted just now to the American Interchurch college being established in Nashville, Tenn., to train individuals for carrying on religious work. The main college, for whites, will be affiliated with Vanderbilt University; and Peabody College, while the colored department will be affiliated with the colored colleges of the city. The Interchurch College has a capitalization of \$1,000,000. There will be raised \$200,000 for the colored department, making the total endowment \$1,200,000.

A layman wonders if a movement of this kind means that the church is losing ground and must in this way be reinforced to be saved itself; or does it show that the church has failed in fulfilling one of its missions? It has boasted of fitting workers for the Master's vineyard. Is this important feature of church work to be turned over to religious schools?—Southern Life Magazine.

IN TOWN.

Col. John R. Marshall, of Chicago, and the popular and efficient colonel of the Eighth Illinois regiment spent several days in this city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Cabiness. Col. Marshall is an old Alexander, Va. boy who took Horace Greeley's advice "go west young man," and made good. Col. Marshall and Dr. Cabiness called at The Bee office Tuesday.

Everybody intends to attend the charity reception. It will be the greatest social event of the season.



FROM TUSKEGEE TO TEXAS.

COURT'S DECISION

IN DR. WASHINGTON'S ASSAULT CASE ASTOUNDING TO ALL SPECTATORS.

In the Face of the Most Convincing Testimony Two Judges Favor the White Defendant.

Special to The Bee:
New York, Nov. 6.—After several delays and continuances, asked for by Ulrich, the assailant of Dr. Washington, the case was called and tried today. Ulrich has each time secured a continuance of the trial on the plea that his witnesses were not present, and yet when the trial was called today he had no other witness than he has had at previous times, except Mrs. Alvarez, who posed as his lawful wife when the assault was committed. Dr. Washington has been ready for the trial from the first, and has pressed the case to completion as a duty he owed his race, the public and himself, cancelling many engagements, and going to a great expense of time and money to be present at each date set for the trial.

The story of the assault was told in detail by Officers Hagan and Tierney, and a Wall Street bank clerk who witnessed it, and by Dr. Washington himself. So complete and convincing was the testimony showing how Ulrich and another assailant had brutally beaten the educator that the spectators were astounded when after Ulrich and the woman who was variously described in the testimony as "Mrs. Ulrich" and "Mrs. Alvarez" had testified, the judges by a divided decision of two to one decided to acquit the defendant, on the ground that the proof of assault had not been clearly proven. To prove his contention that he had nothing to conceal, Dr. Washington fought the case to a finish, and in no way cast down because the judges refused to convict him—Ulrich and the woman paramour—swore most atrociously in their efforts to fasten odium upon him. He feels he has done his full duty to his race and himself in coming to New York to prosecute his assailant, at great expense and loss of time and energy.

Ulrich Re-arrested.

Immediately following the trial, Ulrich was arrested by New Jersey officials on a warrant for desertion sworn out by his legitimate wife who lives in Orange, New Jersey.

Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, who conducted the prosecution, was most earnest in his efforts to secure the conviction of Ulrich; it was no fault of his that a conviction was not secured. He did his full and complete duty.

Bishop Walters.

Bishop Alexander Walters is to be tendered a grand testimonial by the colored citizens of the District of Columbia on the evening of December 11, 1911.

A committee of one hundred leading citizens headed by Dr. S. L. Corrothers, are now completing the arrangements.

Bishop Walters is possibly the leading advocate of the manhood rights of the Negro before the civilized world today.

A worthy presentation will be made to the Bishop at the close of the testimonial.

Knights of Pythias.

Syracuse Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, jurisdiction of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia initiated the following-named gentlemen into the mysteries of Pape on the 2d of November, 1911: Messrs. Addison Smith, Philip Thomas and Eugene W. Gates.

Thursday, the 16th, the lodge will work the Second Rank or Esquire Degree.

VT. AVE. CHURCH

DEACON HAWKINS.

A Faithful Hard and Brave Worker.

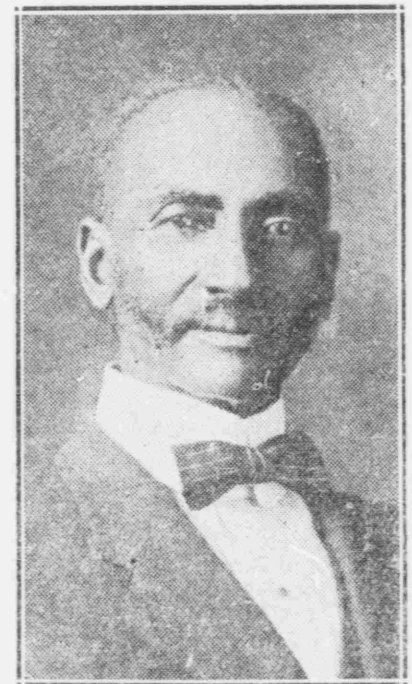
Eldridge Hawkins, deacon of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church for twenty-five years, is one of the most remarkable men of his age; tall, unassuming, affable but positive and stern in his manner, he is a born leader of men.

He is honest to a fault, forgiving and conservative in his dealing toward those who oppose him.

He is entirely void of animosity or revengeful spirit and says that "every man is my Brother who is right."

He is the Senior deacon of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church of which Reverend Doctor James E. Willis is pastor, and has served as such for twenty-five years.

He has the absolute confidence of the congregation, because they know him to love him and because, they have found in him all that goes to make a Christian gentleman, an upright official and one who loves right, and who will give to the least mem-



ber of the Church, as a presiding officer, every right due him or her, when such members claim come up for consideration.

Deacon Hawkins was born in Charles County, Maryland and came to this city many years ago, and for several years, has been employed in one of the departments of the government.

He early connected himself with the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church and during the twenty-five years of Doctor Lee's pastorate, he was his staunch friend, able assistant, and upon whom Doctor Lee relied most implicitly for help and guidance in the conduct of the Spiritual affairs of the Church.

After the death of Doctor Lee, for more than a year before the calling of Doctor Willis as pastor, Deacon Hawkins was practically head of the Spiritual affairs of the Church with Deacon and Trustee Boards of said Church.

The Church flourished under his administration as head Deacon; the Church without a pastor, continued in its growth in membership and financial progress. He had as his able assistants, Deacons Robert Johnson, Churchill, Armstead, Jas. Pinn, Samuel Lewis, James Porter, James Taylor, Augustus Johnson, John Pollard, Wesley Wheeler, James Sewell and the very able and true friends and the oldest trustee of the Church, Edward Taylor. Moses Peyton, Richard Brown, Alfred Reed, R. S. Warren and others, all of whom have been his faithful allies.

The meeting to elect a pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Friday evening, June 9th, 1911, was

had upon a motion of William Reed, who is a leading factor in opposition to Doctor Willis, together with a few others, who, after Doctor Willis had been elected by a large majority over his opponent, a man by the name of Taylor, a college graduate, brought a suit in Equity to contest their election of Doctor Willis on the ground of fraud. This suit brought by Messrs. Winslow, William L. Pollard and others, upon a hearing before Justice Anderson, was promptly dismissed upon an opinion that Willis was fairly elected pastor of the Church.

None of this perturbed or in any way ruffled the spirit of this tall inveterate and veritable war-like character of Deacon Hawkins, because he knew he was in the right and the Judge confirmed his position and views.

In defiance of the dismissal of the Bill filed by the opposition of Reverend Willis and the opinion of Judge Anderson, it is declared that these same parties filed another bill against Deacon Hawkins, Doctor Willis and others and have employed three attorneys with the hope of ousting Doctor Willis and the present officers of the Church.

With charity and malice toward none, when the writer called upon Deacon Hawkins, he refused to discuss the matter, but simply said, "If God be for us, who can be against us."

The ladies in this church are to be commended for their excellent work and the support they have given the present pastor and deacons. The membership of this church is beyond all doubt among the most intelligent and refined in the city. It is a membership that any minister ought to feel proud. Some of the oldest and most highly respected citizens are connected with this church. It is a paying congregation, and notwithstanding the fight that has been waged against the present incumbent, the church is not at all embarrassed financially. It is believed that the present deacon board and the pastor, Rev. Willis, will, by hard work and perseverance, make the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church one of the greatest in this city. Deacon Hawkins is strong, because he is honest with his people. They have confidence in him. No man is any more respected in the church than he is. He is a man above reproach, and it was by his wise leadership and Christian bearing that the church is what it is today. It is to be regretted that any opposition to the present regime should exist. This continual fighting will eventually weaken the church's influence.

No church or organization can succeed without united action. The memory of the late Geo. W. Lee is yet fresh in the minds of the members of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. There should be unity, sisterly and brotherly love among the members. If the majority vote shows that the Rev. Willis was elected, and there is no doubt that it does, why then, should there be any division? It is to the interest of the people to get together. The noble women who fought the battle for right and justice will have a monument erected to their memory. Under the wise leadership of Deacon Hawkins, the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church will be a great factor in the religious world.

The most remarkable thing at this time is the large increase of membership in the church, and to this end this well-known church worker, Deacon Hawkins, is working with his co-workers. The apparent division in the church has not effected the church in the least. Many of those who left the church are anxious to return, and will no doubt return. Already preparations are in view looking to the enlarging of this now great church edifice. Lots of improvements will be made under the administration of this present membership.

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PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings
of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the John D. Rockefeller Fund for education (the General Education Board) reported that the board has contributed between \$600,000 and \$700,000 to forty-one schools for Negroes. These contributions have been limited to the higher schools which train teachers for the public schools.

Mrs. Anna Maria Fisher, said to be a daughter of Henry Clay, died last month at the age of 93 years. Many colored persons and institutions are named beneficiaries in her will. Tuskegee and Hampton Institute are to receive \$10,000 each, and \$2,000 to Harriet and Lillian Shadd, of this city.

Dr. Daniel Williams, the well-known Chicago Surgeon, formerly head of Freedmen's Hospital, of this city, has established an operating clinic at Provident Hospital, in Chicago.

The Boston Guardian celebrated its tenth anniversary last week. The Guardian said: "The close of ten years finds us busy fighting the same fight on the same principles." We congratulate the Guardian.

The campaign expenses of Gov. Foss, of Massachusetts, will total about \$16,635. According to a statement issued from the executive offices, \$5,000 was contributed to the campaign committee, \$350 for traveling expenses, and \$11,285 for printing and mailing a pamphlet telling of the Governor's services to the State.

The United States Government and the great powers of Europe have been asked to intervene and put an end immediately to the alleged barbarities practiced by the Italian forces in Tripoli, by the Turkish government.

The Durham Reformer says: "A fifteen thousand dollar hotel is to be erected in Raleigh, N. C., in first-class style, for colored people. J. H. Love, a successful colored druggist of Raleigh, is the promoter of the enterprise."

Cyrus Field Adams, for fourteen years Assistant Register of the Treasury, is now suffering from a nervous breakdown, and is in St. Paul, Minn., with his brother, John Adams.

The Liquor Journal states that 15,000,000 people who live in prohibition States use 20,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages.

General Booth, at the age of 83, is so nearly blind he has determined to undergo an operation in the hope of restoring his sight.

In Japan the children of the poor are nearly always labeled, in case they should stray from home while their mothers are at work.

The recent somewhat hurried initiation of Jack Johnson, the Negro prize fighter, into a Masonic lodge, of Dundee, has raised a storm of protest throughout the country.

Several hundred clergymen of all denominations met and passed resolutions aiming to end the persecution of Jews in Russia, and make the Russian authorities cease refusing to honor the passports of certain American citizens through religious intolerance.

Madam C. J. Walker, colored, of Indianapolis, Ind., has given \$1,000 toward the erection of a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building for colored men.

The population of France has dwindled to such an alarming extent that should war break out an inferior army and navy would be compelled to battle with the enemy, so France is seriously considering recruiting 1,000,000 Negroes for her African colonies.

The Board of Education of New York has engaged Mr. Matt Henson, Commander Peary's companion to the North Pole, to deliver a series of lectures on his polar trip before audiences in the public schools of that city.

During the months of April, May and June, this year, 152 persons were killed, and 2,996 injured in train accidents. For the year ended June 30, 1911, the bulletin issued shows the total number of casualties was 160,555; of this number 10,396 were killed and 150,169 injured.

One thousand dollars for immediate temporary relief of American citizens suffering at Hankow, China, as a result of warfare there, has been sent by the American Red Cross Society.

At Open Health Mill No. 2, Homestead Steel Works, in Pittsburg, Pa., produced 2,475 tons of steel in twenty-four hours. This breaks a record made fifteen years ago.

November 4 was an anniversary of an epoch in transportation development of the United States, as eighty-six years ago on the said day, the first boat on the Erie canal sailed.

HOWARD GRADUATE.

Made Manager of a Cleveland Drug Store.

Cleveland, O.
Dr. Frank H. Weaver of Baltimore, a graduate of Howard University, Washington, a registered pharmacist of the state board of Maryland, registered as assistant pharmacist in Pennsylvania, and recently registered in Ohio, has been made manager of the Peoples' Drug Store here. The Peoples' is the only drug store in the city owned by colored men.